



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Community Development Director to Submit a Code Enforcement Program Grant Application to State Department of Housing & Community Development

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2003

PREPARED BY: Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Community Development Director to submit a Code Enforcement Grant Program Application to the State Department of Housing and Community Development Department.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development has put out a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for a Code Enforcement Grant Program (CEGP), which will make funds available to local jurisdictions for capital expenditures that improve the effectiveness of and supplement existing local funding for code enforcement programs related to housing code maintenance or compliance.

This new Code Enforcement Grant Program, established by Senate Bill 1227(Chapter 27, Statutes of 2000), is funded as part of Proposition 46 (2002), will continue to capitalize and build on the interdisciplinary, community-oriented code enforcement and preservation concepts established in previous HCD grant programs. While those previous HCD grant programs provided funding for additional code enforcement staffing, this new CEGP will provide grant funding only for capital expenditures that supplement or complement local code enforcement and compliance activities. The maximum grant to a single recipient shall not exceed \$300,000, and the minimum grant to a single recipient shall not be less than \$30,000.

The Community Improvement Manager is currently researching the following types of equipment in order to determine what would provide the most benefit to code enforcement personnel in addressing specific enforcement issues in the community.

- Portable computer equipment which code enforcement personnel could use in the field to record their activities and actions, print out the necessary Notices and documents and interface with the office database, all while they are still at the property.
Estimated cost: \$30,000

APPROVED:


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

- Portable video monitoring and recording equipment, which would be, placed in locations where there is a high occurrence of illegal dumping, graffiti or other vandalism. This equipment also has the capability to give an audible warning that the area is under surveillance, that the activity is illegal and that violators will be prosecuted.
Estimated Cost: \$20,000 (four units @ \$5000 each)
- Purchase of a vehicle for the Senior Code Enforcement Officer who currently shares a vehicle with another Code Enforcement Officer or uses the Community Improvement Manager's vehicle.
Estimated Cost: \$25,000
- Computer software that will allow the code enforcement unit to better interface with other departments involved with enforcement activities.
Estimated Cost: \$15,000

Applications must be submitted to the Housing and Community Development Department by April 4, 2003. It is anticipated that funding announcements will be made in May 2003.

FUNDING: There is no requirement for the jurisdiction to match funds.



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Community Development Director

Prepared by Community Improvement Manager Joseph Wood

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Attachment

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM (CEGP) APPLICATION, THE INCURRING OF ANY OBLIGATION, THE EXECUTION BY THE CITY MANAGER OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SECURE A CEGP GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Community Development Director for the City of Lodi wishes to apply for and receive an allocation of funds through the Code Enforcement Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Code Enforcement Grant Program established by SB 1227 Burton (Chapter 26 of the Statutes of 2002), Health and Safety Code section 53533(a)6. Pursuant to the statute, HCD is authorized to approve funding allocations for the program, subject to the terms and conditions of the NOFA and program application forms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Development Director for the City of Lodi shall submit to HCD an application to participate in the Code Enforcement Grant Program in response to the NOFA issued February 14, 2003, which will request a funding allocation for the purchase of capital assets identified in the application to be used in the City of Lodi. The application also commits the applicant to use, support, and maintain the capital assets acquired with grant funds for at least three (3) years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the application for funding is approved, the City of Lodi hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible capital asset(s) in the manner presented in the application as approved by HCD and in accordance with the NOFA and application package. It also may execute any instruments required by HCD for participation in the Code Enforcement Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lodi authorizes the City Manager to execute in the name of the City of Lodi the application, the Standard Agreement, and all other documents required by HCD for participation in the Code Enforcement Grant Program.

Dated: April 2, 2003

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2003-54 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held April 2, 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hitchcock

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk